

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free...

...but do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh...

Remember when this was the picture of freedom?

- 43% of first-year drivers are involved in an accident
- 37% of second-year drivers are involved in an accident

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The law prepared people to let Christ dwell in their hearts

- By law, sin appeared to be sin,
 Romans 7:1-13
- Unlike the new covenant
 - Promised in Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - Described in Hebrews 8:8-12

The law and law in general

• Romans 7:9

For G^{1161} | G^{1473} was alive G^{2198} without G^{5565} the law G^{3551} once: G^{4218} but G^{1161} when the G^{3588} commandment G^{1785} came, G^{2064} sin G^{266} revived, G^{326} and G^{1161} | G^{1473} died. G^{599}

• Romans 7:12

Wherefore $\frac{G5620}{1}$ the $\frac{G3588}{1}$ law $\frac{G3551}{1}$ is holy, $\frac{G40}{1}$ and $\frac{G2532}{1}$ the $\frac{G3588}{1}$ commandment $\frac{G1785}{1}$ holy, $\frac{G40}{1}$ and $\frac{G2532}{1}$ good. $\frac{G1342}{1}$ and $\frac{G2532}{1}$

Those who are in Christ are not conscious of any restrictions on their behavior

- *Free people* understand a standard of behavior (law)
- Freedom is born of harmony between law and their nature/inclinations
 - Some wish to do only what the behavior standard (law) requires them to do. Their desired behavior corresponds with required behavior
 - Some only wish to avoid the punishment imposed by the law-giver for prohibited behavior – they can never be free of the consciousness of restrictions, even when they met requirements